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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Modesto Man who Pointed Gun at Police
goes to Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lorenzo Macias, age 23, of Modesto, was convicted of Assault with a Firearm and was sentenced to two years in state prison on December 15, 2008 by the Honorable John Freeland.

On the evening of January 30, 2008, Modesto Police officers conducted a traffic stop on a car driven by Macias. As the first officer approached the car in the dark, he saw what he believed to be a handgun being pointed at him by Macias. The officer feared for his life and began firing his service weapon at Macias as other officers converged on the car. Macias was struck several times by police bullets which inflicted non-fatal wounds requiring hospitalization. Police located a loaded firearm inside the vehicle following the shooting.

Macias entered a plea of guilty to Assault with a Firearm, a "strike" under California's Three Strikes Law, for pointing his weapon at the police officer. (He will only realize the consequences should he commit another crime)

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